

This month the Town is active with preliminary budget, listening session, presentations and elections.

We are so pleased by the turn out at the Town Board meeting dedicated to listening to your opinion on outside, independent assessment for commercial, industrial and residential properties of LeRoy. Town Board action as a result is to put out a bid request. This shall be accomplished this month; responses back next month and a decision forth coming on the provider. The new assessments will be available for tax rolls in 2007. Input by residents, Genesee County Real Property Director, Joe Macaluso and New York State Office of Real Property Services, Tom Halter was valuable to the decision making process.

The board is completing preliminary budget for the Town of LeRoy. Preliminary numbers are to levy \$275,000.00 for the entire community. The levy equals a tax rate of 97 cents per thousand dollar of assessment. Both Town and Village residents are charged the same rate. Public hearing on the budget will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. After the public hearing the board has the opportunity to make changes to the budget.

The increase of 2005 to 2006 budget is 14 cents or \$47,000.00 dollars. The increases reflect cost of contractual employee increases, energy cost increases, assessment project and highway maintenance increases. To help off set the increases the Board in tandem with Recreation Committee and Village Board voted to terminate fulltime position of Recreation Director. In reviewing lackluster utilization of the off-season programs, consensus is to establish a part time position next year for the summer months only.

A proposed Local Law for unsafe buildings and property maintenance will be another Public Hearing on Thursday, November 10, 2005. This law will put into place a mechanism that gives the Town more tools to work with problem properties where fire and life safety are issues.

Town gladly presented to LeRoy Rotary the state of the Town of LeRoy and current projects. Listed in the mix was the assessment project, highway review committee and unified zoning code for the community. Also the Town and Village this week presented to Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, Business Development Committee shared services, collaboration and cooperation at the municipal level. LeRoy School, Town and Village have a long-standing successful record of accomplishments to be proud of.

Elections are held on Tuesday, November 8th. As a reminder, voting in LeRoy is held in one of two locations. Districts 1-4 are at the Town Hall. Districts 5-8 are at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Registered voters may vote during the hours of 6:00 AM through 9:00 PM. To confirm your voter status, please contact the Genesee County Board of Election at 344-2550 ext. 2208 or 2209. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the election workers; we appreciate their dedication to our democratic system. Please exercise your right to vote.

LeRoy Youth Court recently received the GCASA Criminal Justice Award. This acknowledgement from the state and county community indicates a proactive approach to youthful offenders has merit and value to all youth in our community. We continue to support this program through funding and participation in the advisory capacity.

From the Departments:

Town Clerk: DEC hunting licenses for the second doe permit draw are available for the following areas only: 3S Westchester County and 1C Suffolk County.

Transfer Station punch cards are available from Town Clerk for \$15.00 and \$ 30.00 denominations, a punch card is necessary for use of the Transfer Station refuse area. Recyclables are at no charge. Transfer Station is located on Circular Hill Road and open every Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Assessment: The office will take part in a grant received by Genesee County IT and Real Property Departments to evaluate the level of Internet Technology capacity in each town for Real Property needs. This should prove a useful study. Results will be shared with all of the municipalities when complete.

Code and Zoning Office: remind people who live in the Village, that large appliances and furniture need to be attached by a sticker purchased from the Village Office. The stickers are a requirement for pick-up.

As a courtesy, any planning issues that you would like resolved within a month need to be received in the Code and Zoning Office within the first three days of the month to ensure county review. You are encouraged to call ahead for an appointment with the Code Officer at 768-6910 ext. 223. Planning Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. This public meeting is held at 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Court: Justices during our budget workshop reminded us of the activity level in the court. As listed by the New York State Office of the Comptroller LeRoy is ranked 88 out of over 1400 justice courts. That was good information for us and thought you'd be surprised too.

Recreation: As the termination of the full time position, Kristi Bardeen is no longer with the Town in the director capacity. Phone calls and Emails are being directed to Recreation Committee Liaisons Bruno DeFazio and Christine Smith. Please do not hesitate to contact them with your questions, comments and concerns.

At the Board level, our committees are working to investigate public water in the areas of Vallance Road, Asbury Road, Randall and Keeney Roads too.

The Randall/Keeney piece is at the state rural development office awaiting funding. We have heard nothing to date; yet we continue to contact the office.

Vallance Road area is working on a formal petition. Interest on Vallance is partially due to a comprehensive plan of the County Water resources Agency. There is no firm timeline for construction of the water line to enhance the county system.

A portion of Asbury Road is circulating a formal petition for public water supply. That petition will allow the board to apply for rural development loan/grant funding.

A separate area of Asbury Road has expressed interest in public water also and we are creating a petition for circulation for the southern end of Asbury.

Please join us for regular meetings scheduled for the month on Thursdays, November 10th and November 29th. We meet at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

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